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SUBJ: COMMITTEE II INFORMAL "BLUE PAPERS"

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1. INFORMAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC BAYS AND WATERS OF COMMITTEE II MET FOR THIRD INFORMAL SESSION ON APRIL 9 TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF "HISTORIC BAYS AND WATERS". IN EARLIER MEETINGS, VARIOUS AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED ORALLY. ON APRIL 9, CHAIRMAN OF SUB-COMMITTEE (COLOMBIA) NOTED THE "GREAT DIFFICULTIES", "HESITANCIES" OF THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS AND "THE GENERAL RELUCTANCE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES". THE CHAIRMAN, AS A RESULT, ANNOUNCED HE WOULD CONVEY THIS CONDITION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE II.

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LIKELY THAT THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL NOT MEET AGAIN AND THAT

ITS WORK WILL CEASE. IF ASSESSEMTN IS TRUE, EXISTING LANGUAGE OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION ON THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTIGOUS ZONE WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO PREVAIL.

3. AS DEPT. AWARE, US POSITION IS TO FAVOR NO CHANGE IN TERRITORIAL SEA CONVENTION IN DELIMITATION AND BAYS. WE EXPLAINED THIS TO CHARLES MEACHEM, WHO IS REPRESENTING GOVERNOR OF ALASKA HERE, AND WHO IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO THE ISSUE. LIKELY RESPONSE TO JUSTIVE USE OF DRAFT WOULD BE TO RPESSURE USDEL ON WHAT, IN ANY EVENT, IS PROBABLY AN INSOLUBLE ISSUE IN CONFERENCE WITH, INTER ALIA, ADVERSE IMPLEICATIONS FOR US-SOVIET COOPERATION. MOREOVER, WE DO NOT, REPEAT NOT, BELIEVE IT IS WISE TO GIVE INCORRECT IMPRESSION THAT US NEGOTIATING POSITIONS HERE ON BAYS AND BASELINES RELATED TO FEDERAL-STATE PROBLEMS.

4. IN LIGHT FOREGOING, WE RECOMMEND THAT SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSAL NOT RPT NOT BE USED. IF JUSTICE WISHES TO USE PAPER ALONG WITH OTHERS TO ILLUS-TRATE THAT MATTERS ARE UNDER NEGOTIATION, THIS WOULD OF COURSE ENTIAL FEWER PROBLEMS.

5. DELOFF HODGSON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON ON APRIL 12 AND WILL BRING COPIES OF THE THREE INFORMAL WORKING PRPAERS CONSIDERED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE GROUP.
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